

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012***

Present: Selectmen: Tom Hayward, Michael Woodworth and John Gajewski. Others include: Gerard Porteus, Brian Knipstein, Jeff Buxton, Sue McKinnon and Clay Mitchell.

Call to order at 6:02pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks
- Appointment of Police Officer Darrell F. Bradley

Gerard Porteus met with the Selectmen to voice his concerns over the outstanding variances in regard to the vineyard.

Brian Knipstein met with the Board to finalize the proposed 2013 Highway Budget:

- Paving Schedule / Warrant Article – Expendable Trust Fund
- Road Maintenance

Jeff Buxton met with the Selectmen to finalize the proposed 2013 Fire Budget:

- Warrant Articles for Truck and Scott Air Packs

Jeff also discussed the purchase of the new gang plank for the new dock built in 2012.

Sue McKinnon met with the Board to finalize the proposed 2013 Executive Budget:

- Salary increases for Sue (1.7%) and Donna to \$16.00/hr. and up to 2 hours/week additional, when needed.

The Board unanimously decided to continue association with the co-op for trash and recycle contract.

Clay Mitchell met with the Board to discuss a recent filing with the ZBA and the legal representation of the requirements of the hearing.

As per this E-mail:

[This is another communication between the selectmen which should be included with minutes.

On Dec 18, 2012, at 9:45 AM, tomhayward@newfieldsnh.gov wrote:
Mike and John

John Ratigan couldn't wait any longer and had the appraisal work started. Please read the emails below and we need to talk about the settlement tonight.

Tom

From: "John J. Ratigan" <jratigan@dtclawyers.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2012 3:24 PM
To: tomhayward@newfieldsnh.gov
Subject: FW: Newfields

Tom:

See below. I've had to cut Steve loose to start the appraisal. Let me know about my last proposed settlement offer when you get a chance.

Thanks.

John

From: John J. Ratigan
Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2012 2:32 PM
To: 'Stephen Traub'
Subject: RE: Newfields

Hi Steve:

Understood. Please start immediately. If it settles, it settles, but you will be compensated for your appraisal work.

Thanks and I apologize if this creates a hardship for your work schedule.

Best holiday wishes.

John

From: Stephen Traub [<mailto:straub@shore.net>]
Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2012 2:10 PM
To: John J. Ratigan
Subject: Newfields

My timetable was 8 weeks to 90 days before it was due to complete it if you read any and retained any of my many prior emails on this.

The trial is schedule for 2/21/12 therefore the appraisal has to be completed for exchange at worst say by 2/6/12. Even if I were to finish it in lye tightest of the two timeframes of 8 weeks I would have to have begun it on 12/12/12.

12/12/12 has come and gone

I asked you in November for an answer no later than 12/7/12 and never even got a response until today two weeks later and then only after two more emails from me to prod you

So the answer is now no, it no longer fits my timetable, especially now considering the Holidays between now and then. Maybe you enjoy working weekends and Christmas and New Years day, but those days are over for me.

Steve
Stephen Traub
Property Valuation Advisors <www.propertyvalu.com>
Commercial Appraisals in New England]

Tom told John Ratigan to continue with the next approach on the Hutchinson Sealing negotiations. A future meeting with the Selectmen in Jan. 2013 needs to be scheduled with John Ratigan.

There were no discrepancies noted during the signing of the checks.

Tom updated the Board on information from Alison Watts about the grant money at UNH that is available for mitigation of nitrogen in storm water run off, if the Town is interested.

John Gajewski brought up the topic of an Advisory Budget Committee vs. an Elected Budget Committee, for discussion at a future meeting.

Non-Public Sessions Minutes of the Nov. 27th meeting were read. John made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Tom. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Minutes of the Dec.4th meeting were read. Michael made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Tom. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Minutes of the Dec. 11th meeting were read. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by John. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 9:37 pm, John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman
Deputy Town Clerk